MINUTES OF MEETING State Board of Education September 14, 2006

The September meeting of the State Board of Education was held in the State Board Room, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines. The following Board members were present: Gene Vincent, Rosie Hussey, Jackie Dout, Sister Jude Fitzpatrick, John Jessen, Wayne Kobberdahl, Mary Jean Montgomery and Max Phillips. Board members absent were Charlie Edwards and Brian Gentry. Director Judy Jeffrey and Department staff Lee Tack, Gail Sullivan, Carol Greta, Pam Pfitzenmaier, Jeff Berger, Roger Utman, Arlie Willems, Lana Michelson, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Del Hoover, Kathi Slaughter, Max Christensen, Roger Stirler, Julia Thorius, Charlotte Burt, Sharon Hawthorne, Tom Cooley and Beverlee Adams were also present. Others present were: Jane McAuliffe and Hope Gardina, Karla Grant McClure, Vicki Goldsmith, Ashford University; Robin Madison and Dwayne Ferguson, Legislative Services Agency; Rod Boshart, Cedar Rapids Gazette; Todd Dorman, Lee Newspapers; Kay Heuden, Radio Iowa; Lynn Campbell, Des Moines Register; Dwight Carlson, Kaplan University; David Frost; Ann McCarthy, House Republican Caucus; Candidate Chet Culver and staff; Candidate Jim Nussle (telephonically) and staff.

President Vincent called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He was appreciative of the Board hosting the candidates for Governor as part of the agenda.

It was moved by Rosie Hussey and seconded by Wayne Kobberdahl to approve the agenda as written.

Mary Jean Montgomery amended the motion to move Board member reports forward until Secretary of State Chet Culver arrived. Jackie Dout seconded.

Board Reports

Mary Jean Montgomery reported that she had attended the IPTV meeting and they were working on budget offers. Montgomery also discussed the Iowa Public Television work with young children and parents to improve literacy.

She indicated the Wallace Leadership/Partnership group is in its fourth round of funding for the state of Iowa. She noted she would be attending a meeting in St. Louis to share Iowa's success in use of the grant dollars.

Candidate for Governor – Secretary of State Chet Culver

President Gene Vincent welcomed Secretary of State Chet Culver. Rosie Hussey provided an outline for Secretary Culver of the 2007 Board priorities.

Candidate Culver addressed the Board and provided comments and answered questions about the education expectations he would have if he were to be elected Governor. Culver appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Board.

Federal Early Childhood Programs

Lana Michelson, Chief and LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Administrative Consultant, Bureau of Children, Family and Community Services presented information concerning various federal programs that supported improving early childhood outcomes such as IDEA 2004 including Early ACCESS Part C (birth to age 3) and Early Childhood Special Education Part B (ages 3-5); Even Start; Title I preschools; and Head Start and Early Head Start. They provided an overview of each of these programs and explained the link between the federal early childhood programs and those established by the State of Iowa to improve quality early learning experiences for children birth to 5.

Michelson related the State Board goal, "All children will enter school ready to learn" with the programs that are in place and the number of children, ages three and four, who have participated in a quality early care or education program.

Sherman-Proehl noted data that was available regarding both federal and state programs supporting early childhood.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Director Report

Director Judy Jeffrey reported on the following items:

Director Jeffrey announced the retirement of Lee Tack and invited Board members to attend the retirement reception on September 15.

Jan Friedel is currently serving as Vice Chair of the National Association of State Directors of Community Colleges and will assume the position of Chair in July 2007.

Jeffrey reported on the Press Releases of ACT & SAT scores. ACT showed a slight increase. Only a small percentage of Iowa students take the SAT exam, but these scores also showed improvement.

Director Jeffrey reported that she is co-chairing a National Math/Science Task Force. This task force is looking specifically at ways to improve math and science across the United States.

Director Jeffrey provided an update on Iowa teachers who are teaching in Taiwan. Jeffrey said she had been invited to Taiwan and would be visiting our teachers in October. She indicated she was also visiting with an individual from India and just recently with the Education Consulate from New Zealand. She felt strongly that Iowa should seek out opportunities for Iowa teachers to share with teachers in other countries information about how they teach, and expectations for their students. Jeffrey believes this will lead to a better global understanding of the different cultures that our children will experience.

The Education Writers Association is holding a meeting and Jeffrey reported she was serving on a panel with Education Trust on highly qualified teachers.

Director Jeffrey said she had been invited and would meet with the Board of Regents on September 28. The Regents are required to do an admissions study and are seeking information on what we would like to see them do in their admission requirements. The agenda also included a discussion on teacher shortages and higher student expectation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

The minutes of the July 26-27, 2006 State Board meeting were approved.

Rules

281, Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 44, "School Buses", was approved for adoption.

The State Board approved notice of intended action to rescind 281, Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 62, "Educational Improvement Projects."

Nonpublic School Requests to Withdraw Accreditation

The Board approved the withdrawal of accreditation requests submitted by Scarville Lutheran and Estherville Community Christian Schools.

Rules: Chapter 17, "Open Enrollment"

Carol Greta, Department legal counsel, reviewed the amendments to the Chapter 17 rules. She indicated the changes were designed to conform the administrative rules to the statutory amendments that were enacted by Senate File 2272 during the last General Assembly.

Motion: It was moved by Sister Jude Fitzpatrick and seconded by Rosie Hussey that the notice of intended action to amend Chapter 17 be approved.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Appeal Decision

Administrative Law Judge, Carol Greta, reviewed the proposed decision In re Amanda Schamerhorn. She indicated that the Appellant was seeking reversal of the June 6, 2006 decision of the local board of directors of the Des Moines District to deny the open enrollment request filed on behalf of Amanda.

Greta recommended that the decision of the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Public Community School District made on June 6, 2006 denying the open enrollment request filed on behalf of Amanda Schamerhorn be affirmed.

Motion: It was moved by Max Phillips and seconded by Mary Jean Montgomery to approve the Administrative Law Judge's proposed decision In re Amanda Schamerhorn.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Iowa Public Charter School Approval

Del Hoover, Deputy Administrator, Division of PK-12 Education reviewed the Panorama Charter School request. The local school board approved the Panorama charter school application, as did the teachers

and parents of students impacted by the charter school application. If approved, this would be the 9th charter school in Iowa. In accordance with Iowa Code, charter school applications require State Board of Education approval.

Board members had many questions and concerns regarding the establishment of this charter school and felt additional information was needed before a decision could be rendered.

Motion: It was moved by Sister Jude Fitzpatrick and seconded by Jackie Dout to table the request for approval of the Panorama Charter High School to receive additional information.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Candidate for Governor – Congressman Jim Nussle

President Gene Vincent welcomed Congressman Jim Nussle. Rosie Hussey provided an outline for Congressman Nussle of the 2007 Board priorities.

Candidate Nussle addressed the Board telephonically and provided comments and answered questions about the proposed education agenda he would have if he were to be elected. Nussle expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet with the Board.

Practitioner Preparation Program Approval

Arlie Willems, Administrative Consultant for Practitioner Preparation, reviewed Ashford University's Master of Arts in Teaching Practitioner Preparation program. On July 27, 2006, the State Board granted an extension of conditional approval of the MAT Program until April 1, 2007, to allow program completion by the cohort of candidates student teaching in the fall of 2006. The Board also approved an extension of conditional approval of the MAT program until the September Board meeting to allow a decision to be made at that time regarding the remaining candidates in the MAT program.

Willems recommended that the State Board grant an extension of conditional approval of Ashford's MAT program for the limited purpose of permitting program completion by the cohort of approximately 66 candidates who are scheduled to student teach in the spring of 2007. Conditional approval will extend to July 1, 2007, for these candidates to accommodate completion of the portfolio course, EDU 698, following student teaching.

Motion: It was moved by Mary Jean Montgomery and seconded by Wayne Kobberdahl to grant an extension of conditional approval of Ashford's MAT program as proposed.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Offers for FY08 – Work Session

Dr. Lee Tack, Administrator, Division of Financial and Information Services, and Roger Stirler, Chief, Bureau of Internal Operations presented a summary of the draft offers. The following Offers were discussed: 1) Educator Quality; 2) Voluntary Access to Quality Preschool; 3) Comprehensive Early Care, Health, and Education; 4) 21st Century International Competitiveness Skills; 5) State Aid to School Districts and Area Education Agencies; 6) Community Colleges State General Aid; 7) Project Lead the Way; 8) Department of Education Functions and Duties; 9) Provide Service for Special Education Children Ages Birth to 3 Years of Age; 10) Statewide Education Data Warehouse; 11) District Sharing and Efficiencies; 12) State Aid to Nonpublic Schools; 13) Child Nutrition; 14) Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates; 15) Vocational Education Secondary – Federal Match; 16) Before and After School Grants; 17) Learning Technology Grants; 18) Community College Infrastructure; 19) ICN Part III Leases.

On behalf of the Board, President Gene Vincent expressed appreciation to Lee Tack for sharing his expertise and knowledge of the finance process with the Board during his tenure at the Department. Congratulations to Dr. Tack were extended for an enjoyable retirement.

State Board Legislative Priorities for 2007

Jeff Berger, Legislative and Policy Liaison, discussed the State Board legislative priority platform for the upcoming legislation. He indicated this platform is used to communicate funding and policy priorities to legislators, the general public and a variety of stakeholders. Board members reviewed the platform and requested changes. It was agreed the changes would be made and brought back to the Board for approval in October.

Policy Development/Leadership Agenda and Master Calendar

Gail Sullivan, Chief of Staff, reported that at the State Board Retreat in June, the Board had identified priorities for their Policy Development/ Leadership Agenda for 2006-07. Sullivan provided a description of the priorities identified and a proposal for addressing them. She explained that the policy discussions and actions described in this Policy

Development/Leadership Agenda are mapped out on the State Board Master Calendar and form the basis for State Board meeting agendas for the coming year.

The State Board discussed the proposed agenda and agreed that they would like to meet with Education Committee members after November.

Motion: It was moved by Jackie Dout and seconded by Sister Jude Fitzpatrick to approve the proposed Policy Development/Leadership Agenda.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Area Education Agency 1 and Area Education Agency 13 Accreditation

Tom Cooley, School Improvement Consultant and Sharon Hawthorne, Special Education Consultant, served as AEA Site Visit Team Coleaders and reported on the accreditation visit. They indicated that the central purpose of the site visit was to help Area Education Agencies improve the quality and focus of their services. In turn, this would assist schools and school districts to improve learning for students. Iowa's AEAs are a critical part of the support structure for schools and ultimately for children. Maintaining high standards or quality in AEA programs and services is a top priority.

Cooley and Hawthorne reviewed the strengths and weaknesses found in the site visits for AEA 1 and AEA 13.

Motion: It was moved by Rosie Hussey and seconded by Wayne Kobberdahl to approve the recommendations for accreditation as submitted for Area Education Agency 1 and Area Education 13.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Relationship of Obesity and Health to Learning

The following individuals were present to discuss this agenda item: Wayne Kobberdahl, State Board member; Julia Thorius, Chief, Bureau of Nutrition Programs and School Transportation; and Charlotte Burt, Education Consultant for Student Health Services and Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities.

Wayne Kobberdahl indicated that all of the presenters had attended the National Association of State Boards of Education "Calories In-Calories

Out: The Role of K-12 Education in Promoting Student Wellness" Conference in Chicago April 5-6. The Conference was held as a follow-up to the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) symposium to assist states as they worked with local school districts in constructing wellness plans. As part of the Reauthorization of the USDA Child Nutrition Programs in 2004, school districts participating in the school meal programs were required to adopt a wellness policy by the beginning of the school year.

Thorius and Burt provided a brief overview of the conference, including a statement of the problems, implications for learning, and information about the local wellness policy development process in lowa.

Board members discussed the many implications that school districts face in looking at wellness policies. The focus is on good nutrition and being physically active with children rather than weight loss.

Thorius reported that with local wellness grant funding, the initiative was to get students more involved. A student summit is being planned for November to involve student leaders of organizations that are statewide or have a statewide communication network to discuss nutrition and physical activity. A winter ICN meeting with all-school district participation would be planned as a follow-up to this meeting.

Board Reports

Wayne Kobberdahl - No Report

Jackie Dout – No Report

<u>Sister Jude Fitzpatrick</u> reported she had been assigned as the State Board representative to the Iowa Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce Systems Performance Advisory Workgroup.

John Jessen – No Report

Rosie Hussey expressed her appreciation to the Board for visiting Northwest Iowa. There was a lot of positive feedback and the media coverage encouraged support of the State Board and their initiatives. She also had been invited and accepted the opportunity to speak to the Mason City teachers at the first day of school.

<u>Max Phillips</u> reviewed collaboration opportunities for early childhood education that he and Judy had discussed with the following groups:

- Empowerment Board President and Executive Officer
- The Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce
- The Midwestern Education to Workforce Conference Leaders

• Charlie Bruner from Public Policy Results

<u>Gene Vincent</u> encouraged the Board to support joint sponsorship of a task group of the State Board and the Board of Educational Examiners that would reach out to stakeholders to discuss the shortage of teachers in this state.

A list of proposed topics for the November State Board meeting was handed out.

It was announced that a telephonic meeting would be held on October 19, 2006.

President Vincent adjourned the meeting.	
Gene E. Vincent President	Judy A. Jeffrey, Director and Executive Officer